

BRITISH
SEIZED
TOWN

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FRENCH HAD QUIET
NIGHT ON THE SOMME

In the Verdun Sector, However, the French Were Called Upon to Resist Attack Launched Between Fleury and Chenois, Which They Did After Germans Had Entered Advanced Trenches

London, July 11.—The British captured Contalmaison last night, the war office announced today. Several lines of trenches in the Mametz wood were taken by the British and heavy fighting continues in the Trones wood.

GERMAN GAIN
NEAR FLEURY
TEMPORARY

Attack Launched at Four O'clock This Morning Carried Germans Into Advanced French Trenches from Which They Were Immediately Ejected.

Paris, July 11.—The situation remained the same on the Somme front last night. The war office statement today says it has been ascertained that south of the Somme the French in the last two days have taken more than 1300 prisoners.

On the Verdun front the Germans launched an attack at 4 o'clock this morning on the French positions from Fleury to a point east of Chenois. They succeeded in penetrating advanced French trenches at some points but were expelled immediately by counter-attacks. West of the Meuse there was active artillery fighting in the neighborhood of Avocourt and Chattancourt. Northeast of Vahy the Germans exploded four mines, the craters of which were eventually occupied by the French.

MONTE CORNO LOST
AND THEN REGAINED

Official Statement at Vienna Tells of Success of Austrian Arms and the Capture of 450 Italians

Berlin, by wireless, July 11.—The official Austro-Hungarian statement of Monday reports the continuance of heavy fighting on the Italian front. Monte Corno was captured by the Italians but was won back by the Austro-Hungarians, the statement says, and 450 Italians were taken prisoners. The Austrians' attack in the sector of Monte Interrotto failed. Austro-Hungarian aeroplanes again bombarded the Italian military establishments at Adria.

SIX ATTACKS WON.

Germans Finally Entered Trones Wood, the British Admit.

London, July 11.—After the sixth desperate attack yesterday afternoon the Germans succeeded in entering Trones wood, according to the British official statement last night. This was at the expense of very heavy casualties, the statement adds, and the fighting in the wood continues.

The British troops, however, made some gains in the neighborhood of Ovillers and La Boisselle, and in a particularly powerful attack on the German positions in the Mametz wood succeeded in winning some ground.

BRITISH MINIMIZE EFFECTS.

Declare Deutschland's Feat Will Not Affect German Blockade.

London, July 11.—The morning newspapers while expressing admiration editorially for the feat of the German submarine Deutschland, insist that it cannot have the slightest military importance nor can it be regarded as a demonstration of the ineffectiveness of the British blockade.

The Daily News says: "The captain and the crew deserve congratulations on their pluck and luck. But all the voyage proved is that the thing can be done and that has been proved before. As far as the war is concerned it is quite unimportant."

The Morning Telegraph says: "The voyage is interesting as an illustration of success with which physical science is triumphing over obstacles that were re-

garded, comparatively recently, as insurmountable."

The Daily Express says: "The achievement cannot have the smallest military significance but it is an interesting and amusing event. It is possible that a dozen submarine merchantmen may reach America but disaster would occur to most of them before they could return."

The Morning Post recalls the fact that 10 British submarines, constructed in Canada, crossed the Atlantic last summer. The paper gives an official admiralty report as its authority for this. It adds: "It is not the case of this being the first trader submarine to cross the Atlantic inasmuch as it is known that she is merely an ordinary U-boat with her fighting equipment removed."

"It does not open a new era for the submarine as a trader. The small amount of cargo carried compared with the cost of the voyage prevents it from being a commercial proposition. England commands the sea routes and while the trade ships of every nation pass freely in safety, Germany has to crawl under the sea. It is the best demonstration possible of the efficacy of our blockade."

GERARD TO HAVE REST.

United States Ambassador at Berlin Going to Denmark.

Berlin, via London, July 11.—United States Ambassador James W. Gerard is planning to leave soon on a much needed vacation, the first real rest the ambassador will have had since the beginning of the war.

Ambassador Gerard is unwilling to leave his post long enough to visit the United States and will take a rest cure in Denmark and Scandinavia. Mrs. Gerard will probably accompany him.

With the exception of an abortive attempt at a vacation last winter, which ended at the start with a skiing accident, the ambassador has been on duty every minute since the war cloud appeared.

WOOD CRITICIZED MOBILIZATION.

Thinks It Took Long Time to Get Out the Militia.

New York, July 11.—Major-General Leonard Wood, commanding the department of the east, in a statement issued here last night, denied that, in an address before the convention of the National Education association he criticized the officers and men of the National Guard for delay in "springing to arms."

By "a rather heavy spring to arms," the general said, he meant to convey the impression that it required an unusually long time to mobilize even a small number of the guard.

"My criticism," said the general, "was not of the officers and men, but of the system. It was intended to point out the necessity for preparedness and indicate how fatally slow would be this kind of mobilization in a serious emergency."

General Wood announced that troop movements from now on will be slow. Weeks may be required before certain commands in the South will be able to move. Every effort is being made to rush recruits to the commands already on the Mexican border, so that vacancies in the ranks due to the dependency discharge order and other causes may be filled and the regiments brought up to the required war strength.

CARRIED MAIL TO NEW YORK.

Officer of the Deutschland Complained of Train's Motion.

New York, July 11.—First Officer Franz W. Krapohl, of the German submarine merchantman Deutschland, arrived in New York late last night from Baltimore on his way to the German summer embassy at Rye. He carried three sacks of special mail and was accompanied by Haniel von Haimhausen, counselor of the embassy.

Coming from Baltimore, Krapohl complained of the motion of the train, saying:

"If this keeps up, I will get seasick."

He explained that the Deutschland runs so smoothly that one could play a game of billiards within her at a depth of 15 to 20 meters.

Reminded that all commerce vessels entering the waters of the United States must carry sufficient life saving devices, the first officer declared that the Deutschland was equipped with life boats and life belts. Forward of the conning tower of the giant submarine, he said, was a life boat with life belts and accommodations for 23 men, a smaller boat aft of the conning tower had accommodations for six men. He stated the boats could be launched in two minutes.

HILLEGAS IS HOPEFUL

Of Getting Results in His Educational Work in Vermont.

Burlington, July 11.—State Commissioner of Education Milo B. Hillegas introduced himself to the union superintendents of schools as body practically for the first time yesterday afternoon when the superintendents held their opening meeting of the week in the Williams Science hall at the university. The commissioner told his hearers that his policy would be not to disturb or tear down, but continue in much the same path as his predecessors.

The chief problem he and they had to face, said he, had to do with supervision. New buildings or improved buildings arose when supervision first began, and now the students themselves must be the object of improvement. He said he was hopeful of results.

The commissioner suggested that arithmetic and spelling be chosen as the chief subjects before this year's conference.

INQUIRY STARTED

To Learn if Representative Woolley Is Receiving Pay.

Washington, D. C., July 11.—Representative Moore of Pennsylvania (Republican) introduced a resolution yesterday, inquiring of Secretary McAdoo as to whether Director Woolley of the mint bureau has been given leave of absence to act as publicity director for the Democratic national committee and whether Mr. Woolley is to continue on the government payroll during such absence.

"He has a limited number of friends," "He's lucky then." "In what way?" "He's kept down the number of fellows who want to sell him stocks, real estate, and mining propositions to the minimum."—Detroit Free Press.

ONLY NINE MEN
WERE RESCUED

Of Crews of Four or Five British Patrol Boats Sunk

AUSTRIAN CRUISER
DESTROYED THEM

Austrian Admiralty Announced the Loss of Them in Straits of Oranto

Berlin, by wireless, July 11.—The Austrian admiralty announced today that the Austrian cruiser Novara has sunk four or five British armored patrol boats. Only nine men from the British vessels were rescued. The patrol boats were encountered near the Strait of Oranto, connecting the Adriatic and Ionian seas.

RUSSIANS CROSSING STOKHOLM.

Are Closely Pressing the Teutons, Says Petrograd Report.

Petrograd, via London, July 11.—The Russian forces advancing in Volhynia towards Kovle are crossing the river Stokhod at various points, closely pressing the Teutonic forces opposite them, says yesterday's war office statement.

"The passage of the river is being accomplished under serious difficulties. The official communication says that the crossings of the river have in most cases been destroyed by the opposing armies."

"Throughout the whole, on both sides of the front, aviators made numerous flights. In the region of the Choubryk canal east of the confluence of the Niemn and the Berezina, our artillery brought down a German aeroplane. The pilot and the mechanic were made prisoners. A group of at least 10 aeroplanes attacked Molodetchno and dropped 40 bombs which set the hay depot on fire."

"Near the villages of Svidniki, Stary Mossor and Novy Mossor, on the left bank of the Stokhod, lively fighting is progressing. We took German prisoners at these points."

"The total number of prisoners taken by General Kaledine from July 4 to July 8 is 341 officers, 9,145 unarmored soldiers. He also captured 10 pieces of artillery, 43 machine guns, 16 bomb throwers, 7,300 rifles, 62 limbers and depots of engineering materials. These figures must be added to those given in the communication of July 8, which included 300 officers, 12,000 men and 45 pieces of artillery."

"On the Galician front there was a particularly intense artillery action on both banks of the Dniester. In the Dvina sector the enemy undertook an offensive southeast of Lake Sventen but was repulsed and thrown back into his trenches."

"East of Baranovichi, in the region of the village of Odochawski, the Germans launched a counter attack which broke down under our artillery and infantry fire."

"In the Baltic one of our submarines, in the course of its usual cruise, sank a large German steamer loaded with iron ore in the Gulf of Bothnia."

TRIED TO ATTACK LAWYER.

Prisoner Orpet Was Enraged at Attorney's Denunciation.

Waukegan, Ill., July 11.—Will H. Orpet, charged with the death of Miss Marian Lambert, yesterday afternoon broke through the restraint he has put on himself since he was placed on trial two months ago for the murder of his school sweetheart. Stung to fury by the closing arguments of Assistant State Attorney Eugene M. Rynyard, who denounced him as a condemned youth with the brand of Cain upon his brow, and painted in lurid colors to the jury the story of Helmi's woods tragedy, Orpet attempted to attack the prosecutor physically.

It was just after court had taken a recess. As the prosecutor paused in the lengthy argument Orpet lunged from his chair between his mother and Mrs. Edwin Taylor, his former boarding-house landlady in Madison, and attempted to reach Rynyard.

Only the quick action of the two women prevented him from doing so. Clinging to his arms, they forced him back in his seat and held him. The aged mother wept soothingly until his anger subsided.

Rynyard appeared unconcerned over the incident, which threw the crowded courtroom into a panic. Orpet, accompanied by a bailiff, stalked into the witness room adjoining the courtroom and gave vent to his feelings.

"The d— liar," he said. "Do you hear what he is telling about me? Lies, all lies. I wish I could have got to him when I started."

ITALIAN LINER HELD IN PORT.

The Roma Carries Mounted 90-Millimeter Gun.

Providence, R. I., July 11.—The Fabre line steamship Roma is held in this port because of a 90 millimeter gun mounted on her after deck. The Roma arrived from Mediterranean ports late Saturday and was scheduled to continue her trip to New York at nine o'clock this morning.

Collector of the Port Frank E. Fitzsimmons said that she will not be permitted to depart until authority is received from Washington.

WAS NATIVE OF CHELSEA.

Oldest Surviving Alumnus of Amherst College, Rev. Artemus Dean.

Mount Carmel, Pa., July 11.—Rev. Artemus Dean, said to be the oldest surviving alumnus of Amherst college, and a prominent Presbyterian clergyman, died here last night. He was born in Chelsea, Vt., in 1824.

LOST COLLAR BUTTON;
FOUND 21 MILEAGES

Loot Taken from Fair Haven Railroad Station Was Discovered in Rutland Hotel When Guest Poked Under Bureau.

Rutland, July 11.—The dropping of a collar button yesterday led to the discovery of 21 stolen mileages belonging to the Delaware & Hudson railroad, valued at \$220. They were taken June 24 when the depot at Fair Haven was entered.

Just before leaving the St. James hotel yesterday morning a guest who occupied room 12, dropped a collar button and it rolled under a bureau, the bottom of which extended nearly to the door. When he stooped to recover the elusive button he saw a pile of mileages books under the piece of furniture and fished out the 21. Although the room had been occupied every night since June 24, the thief's booty had not been discovered.

Finding so many tickets in such an unusual place aroused the suspicions of the guest and he turned them over to the proprietor. The register shows that a man who registered as "James M. Steel, San Francisco, Cal.," occupied room 12 on the night of June 24. No one remembers how he looked. The thief had carefully dated the mileages with the depot stamp.

The Fair Haven station was again broken into yesterday but nothing of value was taken.

SIX PROGRESSIVES NAMED

On the Campaign Committee of Republican National Committee.

New York, July 11.—The roster of the campaign committee of the Republican national committee was announced yesterday. The campaign committee is composed of the Republican executive committee and six progressives.

The members of the campaign committee are as follows:

John T. Adams, Iowa, Republican; Everett Colby, New Jersey, Progressive; Wm. H. Crocker, California, Republican; W. W. Estabrook, New Hampshire, Republican; James A. Garfield, Ohio, Progressive; James A. Howerly, Indiana, Republican; A. T. Hart, Kentucky, Republican; R. E. Howell, Nebraska, Republican; Harold L. Jones, Illinois, Progressive; Alvah H. Martin, Virginia, Republican; Herbert Parsons, New York, Republican; George W. Perkins, New York, Progressive; S. A. Perkins, Washington, Republican; Chester H. Rowell, California, Progressive; Oscar S. Straus, New York, Progressive; Charles B. Warren, Michigan, Republican; and Ralph E. Williams, Oregon, Republican.

James B. Reynolds of Washington, D. C., was named as secretary. Mr. Reynolds is also secretary of the national committee.

No announcement was made as to who will be chosen as treasurer. Neither was a date set for formal notification to Mr. Hughes of his nomination. It was learned, however, that the time probably will be July 31 and the place Carnegie hall, New York.

FOUND BODY IN RIVER.

Evidently It Had Been in Water for Some Time.

Brattleboro, July 11.—Chief of Police George Wilson was notified about 5 o'clock last night that the body of a man was floating in the Connecticut river about 15 feet from the shore about half a mile south of this village.

Chief Wilson with the aid of a motor boat moved the body nearer the shore and anchored it to a log. He was unable to recognize the dead man and thought that he might have been in the water for a week or more. He was a medium sized man with working clothes and a pair of khaki trousers.

Chief Wilson notified the board of selectmen of Brattleboro, who immediately telephoned to W. E. Fay, one of the selectmen of Hinsdale, N. H., as the body was considered by the local officers to be in that town.

The medical examiner of Hinsdale was at Keene so that he did not get to Brattleboro until a late hour last evening to take the body from the river.

VIOLATED FISHING LAWS.

One Man Had Short Trout; Another Had Night Line.

Middlebury, July 11.—Lloyd Long of Warren, a rural mail carrier, arrested by County Fish and Game Warden George Chaffee of this village, and Warden H. Murray, on a charge of having short trout in his possession, was taken before Justice of the Peace George Sargent, who fined him \$35 and costs, amounting to \$39.55, which he arranged to pay.

County Fish and Game Warden Chaffee and Warden Tatro of Addison searched a houseboat on Lake Champlain belonging to Alexander Blake Saturday and found a night line 150 long, which is against the law. They arrested Mr. Blake and took him before Justice of the Peace Millard Barnes who fined him \$100 and costs, which he arranged to settle.

PORTLAND WANTS IT.

Next Convention of the Nobles of the Mystic Shrine.

Buffalo, N. Y., July 11.—Imperial Potentate J. Putnam Stevens of Lewiston, Me., arrived here yesterday afternoon and opened headquarters for the 42d annual session of the Imperial Council, Nobles of the Mystic Shrine.

Minneapolis was regarded by many delegates as the most probable meeting place for next year. Other cities seeking the honor are Atlanta, Portland, Ore., Portland, Me., and Atlantic City.

WOMAN SENTENCED.

Mrs. Amanda Clary Gets Two Years in Windsor for Adultery.

St. Albans, July 11.—Mrs. Amanda Clary of Fletcher was arraigned before Judge N. N. Post in city court yesterday charged with adultery. She was found guilty and sentenced to serve from two to three years in state's prison at Windsor, where she will probably be taken today. She was arrested in Fletcher Sunday by Deputy Sheriff C. F. Corse of that town.

DEPENDS ON
SHIP'S STATUS

Whether There Will Be Diplomatic Complications Over the Deutschland

RULING EXPECTED
INSIDE OF 36 HOURS

Collector of Customs Ryan of Baltimore Is Submitting Report

Washington, D. C., July 11.—No diplomatic complications are seen by the federal officials to-day in the arrival at Baltimore of the German super-submarine Deutschland if the examination establishes that the vessel is a merchantman and nothing else. A ruling on the craft's status will be made when the report coming from Collector of Customs Ryan at Baltimore has been gone over, which probably will be within 36 hours.

Acting Secretary of State Polk said he anticipated no protests from the allied governments against the decision expected to be forthcoming that the Deutschland is an unarmed freighter.

Representations were made to the state department to-day by the British and French embassies, setting up the claim that the Deutschland is potentially a warship even though designed and used as a merchant.

Baltimore, Md., July 11.—The German merchant submarine Deutschland may begin to-day to discharge her cargo of dyestuffs unless diplomatic complications arise. The cargo will be placed in bonded warehouse, to be disposed of later by a local representative of the vessel's owners. The question has arisen whether the submarine will be permitted to take back to Germany a large quantity of the nickel ready on the dock for her. The shipment of the nickel to the United States from Canada has been allowed on condition that it should not reach the central powers. The Canadian government is said to be considering the new situation.

After passing quarantine and once safely alongside of his dock, Captain Koenig called his crew ashore and posed with them for moving picture and newspaper photographers. He laughed and chatted with the correspondents, but refrained from discussing his achievement until after he had reported to the agents of his owners.

Later at the office of the North German Lloyd, he issued a typewritten statement telling of the coming of other boats like the Deutschland and asserting that his voyage had broken the British control of the seas. At the same time he submitted to an interview in which he described his 3800-mile cruise from Heligoland to Chesapeake bay. He denied reports that he had been chased off his course by enemy warships, declaring that so far as he knew there was not an allied war craft in the Atlantic. The captain asserted further that his voyage had established the fact that a submarine of the type of the Deutschland could travel anywhere that the ordinary vessel could go, 18,000 miles, if necessary. He had no fears, he stated, of his ability to elude enemies that might be waiting for him off the Virginia capes when he starts his return trip.

"I will be able to submerge within the three-mile limit, and they cannot catch me after that," he said.

During nearly the entire voyage to America, said Captain Koenig, the Deutschland traveled on surface.

Once she submerged for 10 hours and lay during that time on the bottom of the English channel to escape British destroyers. Captain Koenig piloted his vessel out of Bremen on June 14. He went directly to Heligoland, remaining there nine days. On June 23 the trip was begun. After completing the formalities with the port authorities, Captain Koenig was invited to luncheon as the guest of honor of the German club there and there delivered to Haniel von Haimhausen, counselor of the German embassy, a packet of official correspondence addressed to Count von Bernstorff. The counselor had journeyed here from New York, was a guest with the Deutschland's master at the luncheon and went back to New York last night.

There will be no objection on the part of Captain Koenig, commander of the Deutschland, to the inspection of his craft by officers of the United States navy, Koenig announced to-day. The work of discharging the cargo was commenced before noon.

BREMEN IS ON WAY.

Another Submarine Said to Have Left German Port.

Amsterdam, via London, July 11.—Another commercial submarine, the Bremen, which was constructed by the same company that built the Deutschland, now in American port, has already left its harbor, according to the Berlin Vossische Zeitung.

EACH ACCUSES THE OTHER.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Bailey are Charged with Sending Obscene Letters.

Burlington, July 11.—There was a hearing yesterday afternoon before United States Commissioner Claude D. Grant in the cases of Fred Bailey and his wife, who were arrested by Deputy United States Marshal Thomas Reeves on the charge of having sent obscene letters through the mails. The hearing was continued for ten days. Mrs. Bailey was allowed to go on her own recognizance and Bailey was held, not being able to furnish surety in the amount of \$10,000, which was fixed at \$1,000. Each declares that the other wrote the letters.

TO HOLD RILEY
AS WITNESS

Pending Investigation of the Fatal Shooting of John Dennehy at Montpelier Junction, Who Died Monday—Young Man's Remains Shipped to Haverhill, Mass.

The remains of John Dennehy, the young victim of a shooting affray at Montpelier Junction the evening of June 29, were shipped this forenoon over the Central Vermont road to Haverhill, Mass., where the funeral service will take place and interment made. The body was unaccompanied by friend or relative.

Under the direction of Dr. B. H. Stone of Burlington and the state's attorney, an autopsy was performed at the undertaking rooms yesterday afternoon, the authorities gathering information from the examination which may assist them in bringing to justice the murderer or murderers of the man.

Frank Riley, companion of Dennehy, will be detained in jail indefinitely, an inquest held at the courthouse following the autopsy causing the authorities to determine to hold Riley as a witness. When first taken into custody at the time of the shooting he told the officers that two Italian section men shot Dennehy and from the first Riley has not been suspected as being in any way responsible for his friend's death. The inquest was held before Assistant Judge George H. Dale of Waterbury and no other developments, if there were any, were made public.

DECIDED INCREASE
IN THE EPIDEMIC

During the Past 24 Hours 195 New Cases of Infantile Paralysis Developed in New York City, and There Were 32 Deaths.

New York, July 11.—A decided increase in the number of deaths and new cases in the epidemic of infantile paralysis was reported to-day. During the past 24 hours, 195 new cases developed in the five boroughs of New York City, and there were 32 deaths.

This is an increase of more than 100 per cent in the number of deaths from the plague in the 24 hours ending at 10 o'clock this morning as compared with the previous day's record. The deaths since the outbreak of the scourge number 270. There are at present over 1,200 cases of the disease in the greater city.

REVENUE BILL PASSED.

Was Put Through the House by Vote of 240 to 140.

Washington, D. C., July 11.—The administration's omnibus revenue bill, creating a tariff commission, imposing a protective tariff on dyestuffs, repealing present taxes and providing for new taxes on incomes, inheritances and war munitions profits passed the House late yesterday by a vote of 240 to 140.

During the closing hours of debate several amendments, providing for elimination of the bankers tax and modifying the tariff commission section, were adopted over the opposition of Democratic leaders. On the final roll call the Democrats voted solidly for the bill and were joined by 34 Republicans, five Progressive Republicans, one Independent and one Socialist.

The amendments adopted on the salaries of members of the tariff commission from \$10,000 to \$7,500 annually; struck out the provision under which no member or former member of Congress could serve on the commission; and provided a single appropriation of \$300,000 to pay expenses of the commission the first year instead of the bill's stipulation of a continuing annual appropriation of that amount. The entire section levying a tax of one dollar for each \$1,000 of capital, surplus and undivided profits held by bankers was stricken out.

Many amendments proposed by the ways and means committee also were adopted including one under which cigarette manufacturers must pay a special tax of three cents on every 10,000 cigarettes.

The bill which now goes to the Senate increases the surtax on incomes, ranging from an additional one per cent on incomes between \$20,000 and \$40,000 to 10 per cent additional on those above \$40,000 and taxes transfers of estates valued at \$50,000 or more and net profits of war munitions manufacturers, with an exemption of those having less than ten per cent profit.

The new taxes are expected to yield \$197,000,000 annually.

The tariff commission would be composed of five members, no more than three to be of the same political party, and would have broad powers of investigation. The bill also carries an antidumping provision to protect American producers from unfair foreign trade practices.

LIGHTNING STARTED DAMAGE.

Set Fire to Building in East Concord; Loss is \$3,200.

St. Johnsbury, July 11.—The house owned by Lewis Nichols of East Concord was struck by lightning and burned to the ground. Several electrical storms at intervals of an hour culminated in a severe one at 1:15. Mr. Nichols, who was sleeping upstairs, was awakened by a severe crash to find the upper part of the house in flames. He gave the alarm and nearby neighbors made every attempt to save the furnishings, but the fire spread so rapidly that little could be saved. The barn and out-buildings burned and three adjoining houses caught fire, but little damage resulted. Mr. Nichols' loss is about \$3,200.

CAPITALIZED AT \$200,000.

Essex Storage Electric Co. Files Articles of Association.

The Essex Storage Electric Co., Inc. of St. Johnsbury has filed articles of association with the secretary of state, with capital stock of \$200,000. The company, as the name implies, plans to develop water power and storage reservoirs in Caldonia and Essex counties on the Moose river and tributaries; and the subscribers are T. W. Chase of Passumpsic, Fred D. Gilman, Harry H. Carr, Freeman A. Pierce, Charles G. Bailey, all of St. Johnsbury.

VILLA IS DIRECTING

If Not Actually Leading the Bandit Forces in Southern Chihuahua.

El Paso, Texas, July 11.—The Mexican authorities in Chihuahua City believe that Villa is directing, if not actually leading, the bandits in their operations in southern Chihuahua, according to an American who is in close touch with affairs and who reached the border to-day. He said that General Trevino, the Carrancista commander, received reports that before the clash at Jimenez the Villa forces captured and sacked the town of Diaz, several miles north and cut off the ears of the captives.

SOLDIERS WERE MADE ILL

By Eating Fish Supposed to Have Spoiled; All Recovered.

El Paso, Tex., July 11.—A score of the soldiers of the 9th Massachusetts infantry became slightly ill early yesterday after eating fish supposed to be spoiled. Medical officers announced last night that all had recovered within a few hours.

GENTLE PROD
TO CARRANZA

Is Told That Negotiations Need Not Await Lansing's Return

AMERICAN OFFICIALS
ANXIOUS TO END IT

They Accede to Anything That Assures Quick Action

Washington, D. C., July 11.—General Carranza has been notified that the negotiations for settlement of the border difficulties need not await the return of Secretary of State Lansing from his vacation. It is expected that Carranza will propose formal rather than informal conversations between Ambassador Arredondo and the state department. American officials will accede to any plan which assures quick action.

SENDING MEXICAN
SOLDIERS HOME

Military Commander of Sonora Thinks They Will Be More Needed There To Till the Soil.

Douglas, Ariz., July 11.—In a statement issued to the Associated Press last night, General P. Elias Calles, military commander of Sonora, said:

"Advices I received to-day from Mexico City were so satisfactory and